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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S STATEMENTS OF NOVEMBER 17, 1976
(SALT TWO-1159)

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR
JOHNSON AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 1976.

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MR. MINISTER,

ON JULY 28, THE SOVIET DELEGATION TABLED A PROPOSAL
IDENTICAL TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL THAT LAUNCHERS AS WELL AS
MISSILES BE BANNED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX.

AT THE DRAFTING GROUP MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, AGREEMENT
WAS REACHED AD REFERENDUM TO CHIEFS OF DELEGATION,
ON A COMMON UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX AND CURRENT
PRACTICES FOR TRANSPORTING BALLISTIC MISSILES.

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THE LANGUAGE FOR SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX IS

AS FOLLOWS:

"(B) BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS FOR INSTALLATION ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES, OR LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES;"

THE LANGUAGE FOR THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX DO NOT AFFECT CURRENT PRACTICES FOR TRANSPORTING BALLISTIC MISSILES."

MR. MINISTER, I AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL THAT WE AGREE, AD REFERENDUM TO OUR GOVERNMENTS, ON SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX AND ON THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

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MR. MINISTER,

I

TODAY I WISH TO SPEAK FURTHER ON THE U.S. DATA BASE PROPOSAL WHICH I LAST DISCUSSED IN MY STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1976.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN THAT STATEMENT I SUGGESTED THAT THE DATA BASE CONCEPT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. FIRST, WE COULD AGREE INFORMALLY ON CATEGORIES OF ARMS UPON WHICH DATA WILL BE EXCHANGED. NEXT, THERE COULD BE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF DATA BASED ON EACH SIDE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, AND ANALYSIS BY THE SIDES OF THE DATA AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES, IF ANY

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EXIST. FINALLY, THERE WOULD BE A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF AGREED DATA AT THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGES TO THESE NUMBERS WOULD BE REPORTED TWICE A YEAR IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE CATEGORIES ON WHICH DATA WOULD BE EXCHANGED SHOULD BE PERTINENT TO THOSE SYSTEMS

LIMITED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. THESE
CATEGORIES ARE:

LAUNCHERS OF ICBM'S

FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS

LAUNCHERS OF HEAVY ICBM'S

LAUNCHERS OF ICBM'S EQUIPPED WITH MIRV'S

LAUNCHERS OF SLBM'S

LAUNCHERS OF SLBM'S EQUIPPED WITH MIRV'S

ASBM'S

ASBM'S EQUIPPED WITH MIRV'S

HEAVY BOMBERS

HEAVY BOMBERS EQUIPPED ONLY FOR ASBM'S

THE U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT THE NUMBERS IN CERTAIN OF
THE CATEGORIES MAY PRESENTLY BE ZERO. HOWEVER, SUCH
CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR COMPLETENESS WITH
RESPECT TO SYSTEMS TO BE COUNTED IN THE 1320 AND 2400
AGGREGATES AND IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OF THESE SYSTEMS
MIGHT BE DEPLOYED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE NEW
AGREEMENT. IF ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES OF STRATEGIC
OFFENSIVE ARMS ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE LIMITATIONS OF THE
NEW AGREEMENT, THEN SUCH CATEGORIES WOULD BE ADDED TO
THIS LIST.

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AS I STATED AT THE MARCH 2 MEETING, IN THE CONTEXT
OF SOVIET AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A DATA BASE AS I HAVE
DESCRIBED, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL
MODIFICATIONS TO ITS PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLES
XVII AND XI.

MR. MINISTER, I HOPE THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL
BE HELPFUL IN YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS
PROPOSAL.

END TEXT JOHNSON

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